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Industrial sales in July of 1981 increased 6.1 percent causing a 3.4 percent rise in total sales. Both commercial sales and residential sales continued to drop compared to last year. Commercial sales decreased 0.3 percent and residential sales decreased 5.0 percent.

GAS SALES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS
(Trillions of Btu)

	July			Year to Date		January 1 to December 31	
	1981	1980	% Change[2]	1981	%Change From Last Period	1980[p]	1981 Forecast[1]
Residential	141.7	149.1	- 5.0	3,204.9	- 3.8	4,823.0	4,738.7
Commercial	93.6	93.9	- 0.3	1,561.2	- 3.2	2,441.5	2,387.8
Industrial	663.4	625.3	+ 6.1	4,974.8	+ 5.3	7,862.0	8,249.9
Other	15.3	15.5	-	179.0	-	282.9	102.1
Total	914.0	883.8	+ 3.4	9,919.9	+ 0.7	15,409.4	15,478.5

Gas sales are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas sales to ultimate consumers.

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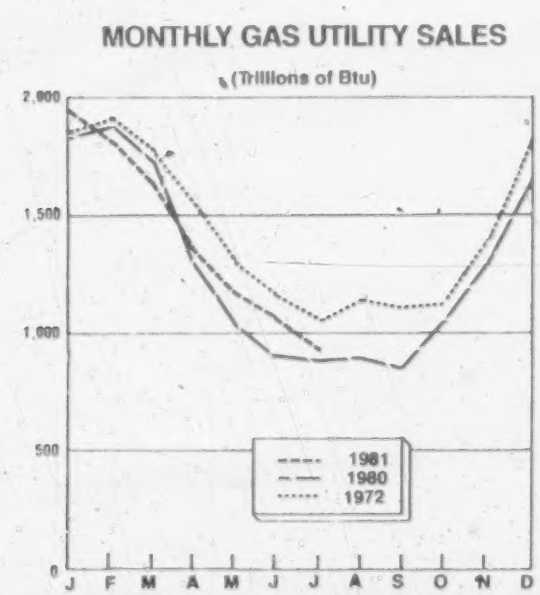
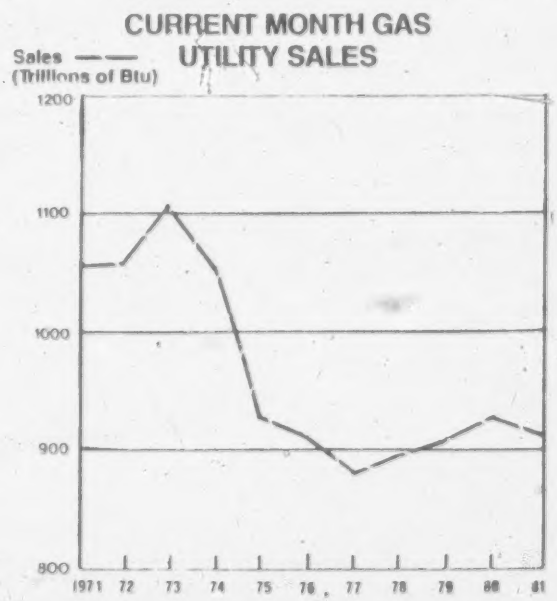


The peak year in sales for the Gas Utility Industry occurred in 1972.



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS
(Thousands of Units)

July

	1981	1980	% Change '80 vs '81
Domestic Range			
Gas	104.9[P]	93.4[R]	+ 12.3
Electric	200.0	189.1[R]	+ 5.8
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	50.0	45.9	+ 8.9
Electric	193.2	181.[illegible]	+ 6.6
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	113.8[P]	93.6	+ 21.6
Electric	22.0	17.1	+ 28.7
Oil	3.6	3.1	+ 16.1
Boilers			
Gas	9.0	14.2	- 36.6
Electric	0.1	0.1	- 34.8
Oil	3.5	3.1	+ 13.3

[P] Revised

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

July

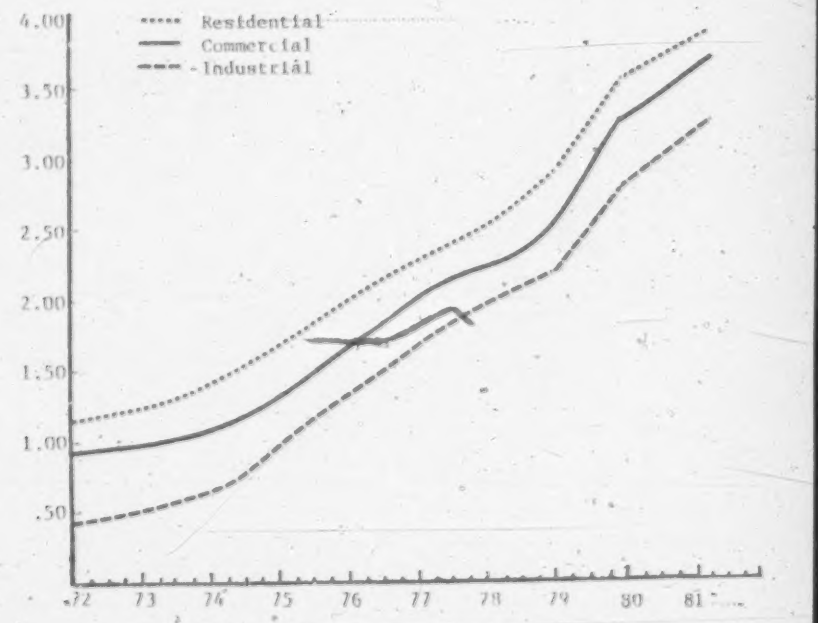
	1981	1980	% Change '80 vs '81
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	100.4	120.1	- 16.4
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	418.6	371.8	+ 12.6
Electricity	306.2	267.4	+ 14.5
Fuel Oil	711.0	585.1	+ 21.5
Index Total Gas Sales (1967 = 100)	110.2	106.6	+ 3.4

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics, A.G.A.

AVERAGE ANNUAL AND 1980 QUARTERLY GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1972	0.73	1.19	0.91	0.45	0.41
1973	0.79	1.25	0.95	0.50	0.44
1974	0.95	1.42	1.11	0.66	0.60
1975	1.29	1.69	1.38	0.99	0.94
1976	1.60	1.98	1.68	1.32	1.15
1977	1.97	2.33	2.07	1.79	1.45
1978	2.18	2.53	2.28	1.91	1.50
1979	2.52	2.92	2.66	2.24	1.67
1980	3.13	3.61	3.34	2.81	2.25
1981 1st Qtr.	3.58	3.88	3.74	3.22	2.77

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)



[1] 1981 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1981 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average.

The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1981 monthly data. The remaining months of 1981 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[2] The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies and their degree days.